Guidelines for Development of Wasteland

3938. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued guidelines to State for the development of wastelands and its distribution to rural landless poor;

(b) if so, the detail thereof, Statewise; and

(c) The quantum of funds allocated and the progress made in the distribution of surplus/wastelands to poors during each of the last three years and till so far, State-wise particularly in the tribal Districts of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes Sir, Government of India have issued guidelines for development of wasteland on watershed basis which are effective from April, 1995, but such guidelines do not include any provision for distribution of developed wasteland to the rural landless poor.

(b) and (c) This Ministry is not aware whether any State Government has taken up any measure for distribution of developed wasteland. the quantum of funds released to the States and tribal districts of Orissa for development of wastelands during the last three years is given in statement I & II respective (*see* below). There is no Government of India scheme or guideline for distribution of surplus/wastelands to poor. Hence the Question of providing state-wise figures in this regard does not arise.

Statement—I

Release of Funds State-wise under the IWDP Scheme from 1995-96 to 1997-98

	Name of the State	Total Funds Released From 1995-96 to 97-98 (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	954.15
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9.00
3.	Assam	36.78
4.	Bihar	6.00
5.	Gujarat	76.87
6.	Himachal Pradesh	149.77
7.	Haryana	126.56
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	75.00
9.	Karnataka	293.92
10.	Kerala	100.80
11.	Maharashtra	57.24
12.	Manipur	135.10
13.	Madhya Pradesh	283.02
14.	Nagaland	237.00
15.	Orissa	346.21
16.	Punjab	3.30
17.	Rajasthan	100.14
18.	Sikkim	126.23
19.	Tamil Nadu	32.89
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1202.14
	TOTAL	4352.12

Statement—II

Funds released in Tribal Districts of Orissa during the years 1995-96 to 1997-98

Name of the district	Project Period	Total Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Total Area (in ha.)	Rele-1995-96 (Rs. in lakhs)	Rele-1996-97 (Rs. in lakhs)	Rele-1997-98 (Rs. in lakhs)	Total
1. Koraput (Project-III)	96-97 to 99-00	7.29	300	8.00	1.09	0.00	1.09
2. Kalahandhi (Project-III)	97-98 to 20-01	493.48	12337	0.00	0.00	74.02	74.02
3. Koraput (Project-IV)	97-98 to 20-01	481.80	12045	0.00	0.00	72.27	72.27
4. Mayurbhang	97-98 to 20-01	496.00	12400	0.00	0.00	29.35	29.35
TOTAL		1478.57	37082	0.00	1.09	175.64	176.73